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General Counsel Office
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20463
Attn: Kim C. Stevenson

Re: MUR 5445

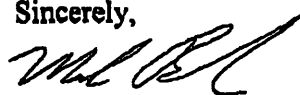
Dear Ms. Stevenson:

As I indicated in our brief telephone conversation, I have been retained by Mark Valente, Treasurer of Majority Initiative to Keep Electing Republicans Fund to represent the Fund in Matter Under Review 5445. I have had the opportunity to initially discuss with my client the issues raised in the complaint filed by Public Citizens, and I am confident that we can provide the Commission with a basis on which it may quickly dispose of this matter without further action.

To prepare these materials will entail an additional period of time. For this reason, I am requesting a brief ten-day extension in time to file our response to the Commission's letter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



E. Mark Braden

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